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**EMC-99-042**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004. This response is being filed with the appropriate fee under the rules of 37 CFR and a petition for a one (1) month extension of time to reply to the above-cited action is being submitted herewith. Any fees required for

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consideration of this paper are hereby authorized to be charged in one originally-executed and one copy of the Transmittal Form filed herewith.

Please amend the subject application, as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.